

Blue Ribbon Schools Recognized at Tennessee Education Board Meeting

During the Tennessee Education Board meeting the six Blue Ribbon Schools for 2007-2008 were recognized. The State Board Meeting was Friday, April 17, 2009 at 8:30 AM in the Andrew Johnson Tower conference room. The No Child Left Behind —Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private K-12 schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement.

Blue Ribbon Schools must be first nominated by the chief state school officer as eligible. The program requires schools to meet either of two assessment criteria. The U. S. Department of Education recognizes schools that have at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student performance in accordance with state assessment systems; and it rewards schools that score in the top 10 percent on state assessments.

Of the schools submitted by each state, at least one-third must meet the first criterion of having 40 percent of the students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The program allows both elementary and secondary schools to be recognized in the same year. The nominated schools must successfully complete an intensive application process which is reviewed by the U.S. Department of Education. Tennessee had six schools recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools for 2008.

Schools in the Top 10 Percent of the State with at least 40 Percent Disadvantaged Students

1. John P Freeman Optional School - Memphis City Schools
Georgia E Parks, Principal
2. Mountain City Elementary - Johnson County Schools
Gay Triplett, Principal
3. Northwest Elementary - Fayette County School
Santita Wright, Principal
4. Walnut Grove Elementary - Hardin County Schools
Linda Gean, Principal

Schools in the top 10 percent of the State with fewer than 40 percent disadvantaged students

5. Lawrenceburg Public Elementary School - Lawrence County Schools
Gari Lynn, Principal
6. Greeneville High School - Greeneville City Schools
Linda Stroud, Principal

These schools were recognized with the other national Blue Ribbon Schools for 2008 in Washington, D.C., in October 2008.

Tennessee Blue Ribbon Schools for 2008-09

John P Freeman Optional School

Memphis City Schools
Georgia E Parks, Principal



Cynthia Coles Teacher, Aubrey Bond Title I Director, and Georgia Parks Principal

Mountain City Elementary

Johnson County Schools
Gay Triplett, Principal



Paula Norton Teacher, Gay Triplett Principal, and Carol Stout Title I Director

Northwest Elementary
Fayette County School
Santita Wright, Principal



Debra Owens TDOE, Linda Sanders Teacher, and Karen Munn TDOE

Walnut Grove Elementary
Hardin County Schools
Linda Gean, Principal



Jimmy Neal Bain Title I Director, Linda Gean Principal, John Thomas Director of Schools,
and Shelia Van Fleet Teacher

Lawrenceburg Public Elementary School

Lawrence County Schools

Gari Lynn, Principal



Gari Lynn Principal, Donna Wells Asst. Principal, and Bill Heath Director of Schools

Greeneville High School

Greeneville City Schools

Linda Stroud, Principal



Linda Stroud Principal, Vivian Franklin Asst. Principal, and
Lyle Ailshie Director of Schools